



## DOCTORAL AND GRADUATE STUDENTS' COUNCIL

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### **Doctoral and Graduate Students' Council (DGSC) and #OutOfStateCUNY Statement in Support of Master's Students Impacted by the Out-of-State Residency Issue**

*Adopted by the DGSC on October 15, 2021*

The Doctoral and Graduate Students' Council (DGSC) and the #OutofStateCUNY campaign express their strong support of the 32 master's students at the Graduate Center who have been charged at the out-of-state tuition rate during the 2021-2022 academic year because of their inability to establish residency in New York last year during the ongoing pandemic. While these students were respecting public health guidelines by delaying their move to New York City, they are now being unreasonably charged out-of-state tuition.

We welcome the recent Graduate Center and CUNY Central resolution extending the out-of-state tuition waiver for the 2021-2022 academic year and delaying the application of out-of-state tuition rates until next academic year (see President Robin Garrell's September 2<sup>nd</sup> email). However, this resolution only benefits doctoral students and excludes the Graduate Center's master's students. Since both doctoral and master's students experienced challenges moving to and establishing residency in New York due to the pandemic, this much-welcomed resolution should equally benefit all of the Graduate Center's students.

According to this resolution, "The GC will provisionally charge tuition at the in-state rate for the Fall 2021 and Spring 2022 semesters" and affected students "will have one year to establish New York State residency; if they do not, they will be retroactively charged the nonresident tuition differential for the terms of enrollment in academic year 2021–2022." While this resolution came as a relief to doctoral students, many of whom had been advocating since Spring 2021 for an exception to be made to CUNY's residency requirements for the 2021-2022 academic year ([see petition](#)), the anxiety and financial strain continues for affected master's students.

Signed,

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